

OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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DIBBLE ASSOCIATION

OF THE CHURCH OF GOD
DENOMINATED

FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH THE DIBBLE CHURCH SEPT. 7-8-9
1922

L. E. WARD, MODERATOR
D. B. DUNIPHEN, Ass'T MODERATOR

THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD WITH BRIDGE CREEK CHURCH, 4 MILES NORTH AND 2 WEST OF BLANCHARD, OKLA., THURSDAY NIGHT BEFORE SECOND SUNDAY IN SEPT, 1923

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 15th Annual Session of the Dibble Association of the Church of God, Denominated "Free Will Baptist," which met with Dibble Church at Dibble, Okla., September 7-8-9, 1922.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Introductory Sermon by W. A. Hearron; Text, Rev. 14-19.

After preaching the house was called to order by L. E. Ward, Moderator, and letters from the different churches called for, received and delegates seated.

CHURCHES REPRESENTED

Dibble Church—Delegates, Kate Perrin and Adah Ward.

Goldsby Church—Delegates, Bryan Goldsby and I. W. Haney.

French Church-Delegates. T. O. Dunn and Rev. James Casky.

New Home Church-Delegate, Malcolm Clagg.

Hawkins Church-Delegate, Essie Hearron.

Iron Chappel Church—Delegates, Geo. Stephens, Warren Michner and Jim Wilbanks.

Liberty Hill Church—Delegates, W. A. Worden and W. J. Darby.

NEW CHURCHES

Bridge Creek Church—Delegates, S. S. Burris, O. C. Disken and Grace Edson; Alternate, Sister G. A. Trout.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

L. E. Ward was elected Moderator; D.B. Duniphen, Assistant; W. A. Hearron, Clerk; T. O. Dunn, Treasurer.

Dismissed to meet Friday moring at 9:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

. Met pursuant to adjournment, house called to order by Moderator, song by congregation, prayer by W. A. Hearron, after which the rules of order were read from the chair. We then proceeded to business.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Rev. J. A. Casky, G. A. Trout, T. O. Dunn.

Committee on Divine Services— O. C. Disken, J. W. Michner, Kate Perrin.

Committee on Ministerial Character—Will Worden, Malcolm Clagg, Grace Edson.

Committee on Finance—D. B. Duniphen, S. S. Burris; Adah Ward.

Committee on Temperance—Essie Hearron, Jack Moore, Winnie Alsup.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—John Alsup, W. A. Hearron, Jessie Darby.

Committee on Obituaries—Linnie Duniphen, Mrs. G. A. Trout, Kate Perrin.

Motion carried to recess for committee work.

Met 11 o'clock, singing by congregation, prayer by Bryan Goldsby, preaching by D. B. Duniphen, Text: Psalms 133-12.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

FRDAY EVENING SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment, called to order by Moderator, song, "Blessed Assurance", prayer by B. C. Mun-

kus, after which the report of committees was called for. Whereupon Committee on Divine Services gave in their report which read as follows:

D. B. Duniphen will preach Friday, 11 o'clock; J. A. Casky, Friday night; W. A. Hearron, Sat. at 11 o'clock; B. C. Munkus, Saturday night.

Respectfully submitted

O. C. DISKEN, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Temperance—We recommend Temperance in all things. We believe intemperance is a curse to our nation. We recommend that our people stand shoulder to shoulder against the Bootlegger System, and refuse to help elect anyone to any office who is intemperate.

Respectfully Submitted

ELSIE HEARRON Chairman

Report of Committee, on Sabbath Schools—BE IT RE-SOLVED: That each church in this association maintain a Sabbath school as it is the place where both young and old learn God's will concerning them. The Sabbath school is a stepping-stone to higher things. There we learn of God's dealings with the children of men. And we recommend that we use Free Will Baptist literature where practical but let all things be done to the glory of God and for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ. We further recommend that the Pastors of the different churches let people know that Free Will Baptists are a union people and that their literature is a union literature. That the people may be educated away from exclusiveness and taught that to love each other and to work together is to serve God.

Respectfully Submitted

J. M. ALSUP, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Obituaries—We find that the blessings of God have been such as to spare the lives of all our Brothers and Sisters except the son of Brother and Sister Arthur Higgins of the Goldsby church. THERE- FORE BE IT RESOLVED: That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to them in their bereavement, realizing that there will be dark hours and lonesome days before they meet again; but their loss is Heavens gain.

Respectfully Submitted

LINNIE DUNIPHEN Chairman.

Committe on Ministerial Character—We find all of our ministers are living Godly lives and doing a very good work. But there is room for more work. We therefore urge them to a greater effort and insist on them being careful about their Pastoral work.

Respectfully Submitted

GRACE EDSON, Chaiman.

Committee on Bill of Arrangements—Resolution No. 1. BE IT RESOLVED: That when a church calls a Pastor, that each member assess himself the amount he will pay for Pastoral work for that year.

Resolution No. 2. BE IT RESOLVED: That this association give Brother and Sister D. B. Duniphen recommendations as Free Will Baptist ministers and evangelists.

Resolution No. 3. BE IT RESOLVED: That there is nothing in the Article of Faith in these Minutes that does not give precedence to the Word of God.

Respectfully Submitted

J. A. CASKY, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Finance. Report as follows: We have collected from the different churches for

I	Iinutes	\$21.25
F	or Mission Fund	\$18.00
1	lission Fund in Treasury	\$68.00
r	otal Mission Money	\$86.00
П	otal Minute Money	\$21.25
	Respectfully Sub	mitted

S. S. BURRIS Chairman.

MINISTERAL REPORTS

L. E. Ward, sermons preached, 35; funerals, 13; money received, \$29.50; conversions witnessed, 40.

W. A. Hearron: sermons preached, 115; conversions witnessed, 66; baptized 36; marriages, 1; funerals, 4; miles traveled, 1800; money received, \$580.00.

James A.. Casky: Pastored one church; held two revivals; conversions witnessed, 17; baptized,6; miles traveled, 200; money received, \$10.00.

B. C. Munkus; sermons, 67; baptized, 55; conversions witnessed, 138; marriage, 1; traveled 1,500 miles; money received, \$53.70.

Motion carried to have 3 quarterly meetings this Associational year. First quarterly meeting to be held with Hawkins church, 1 mile east and 4 miles north of Alex, Okla., beginning Friday night, October 27, 1922. Second quarterly meeting at Dibble, Okla. Third quarterly meeting to be held with Goldsby church 5 miles north of Washington, Okla.

The next session of this Association will be held with Bridgecreek church, 3 miles west and 4 miles north of Blanchard, Okla., beginning Thursday night before the second Sunday in September, 1923.

L. E. WARD, Moderator. W. A. HEARRON, Clerk.

RULES OF ORDER

- 1. At every sitting the busines shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 2. All ordained ministers and ordained deacons in good standing in Dibble Association shall be invited to seats at the annual association and allowed to vote and discuss any subject coming before the Association.
 - 3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Mod-

- erator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
- 4. No motion shall be discused without first being seconded.
- 5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member proposes discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall the question be discussed?" If negative the question shall be dismissed.
- 6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.
- 7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless ordered by the party making the motion.
- 8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
- 9 All questions shall be decided by a majority of members present.
- 10. No member shall be absent while in session without leave of the Moderator, and if so, his name shall be left off the minutes.
- 11. Minutes shall be leisurely read, and corrected if necessary, before the close of the association.
- 12. In future sessions of this association, arrangements shall be made so as to assure two or more sermons a day, or other equivalent devotional exercises during the day.
- 13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the organization of the body.
- 14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session.

CONSTITUTION.

From long experience, we, the members of the Dibble Association of the Free Will Baptists, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, we do, therefore, ordain this constitution for our better associational government.

- Art. I. Membership—This Association is composed of ordained ministers and deacons with delegates chosen by the different churches in our union not exceeding three delegates from each church, who, upon presenting letters shall be entitled to seats.
- Art. II. Letters from each church represented will express their number in fellowship and number of ordained and licentiate ministers and their post office addresses, the number of members received upon confession of faith by letter of recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice, the number dismissed by letter, excluded or died since last association.
- Art. III. Sec. 1. The members thus chosen when assembled with the ministers and deacons to denominate the Dibble Free Will Baptist Association of Oklahoma being composed of the several churches.
- Sec. 2. The Association having no power to lord over Cod's heritage.
- Sec. 3. Reserving the right of Withdrawal from any church becoming disorderly
- Art. IV. Officers—The Association to have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who are to be chosen by the members present.
- Art. V. New Churches—Newly constituted churches may be admitted into this association who petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the association and given the hand of fellowship.
- Art. VI. Question—No questions from any church shall come under the consideration of the association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

Art. VII. Motions—Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

Art. VIII. Minutes—The association is to endeavor to furnish the church minutes of the association in proportion to the members in each church at the discretion of the churches.

Art. IX. Clerks—It shall be the duty of the clerks to keep a regular file of the minutes of the association in a book kept by the association for that purpose.

Art. X. Signature—The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected if needed, and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the close of the association.

Art. XI. Amendments to the constitution may be made when necessary by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Art. XII. Ordinances—The pastor of the church shall preach on the ordinances once a year, and one discourse on the support of the ministry.

Art. XIII. This association shall hold three quarterly meetings each year, the same to embrace the first, secministers and deacons are to make a written report of their work; and it shall be the duty of each quaterly conference to look after the necessities of the widows and orphans and the order of ministry. And the quarterly conference will make a written report to the association annually.

Art. XIV. Resolved, That each church subscribe the amount to be paid to the support of the ministry, widows, and orphans and incidental expenses.

Art.XV. That the deacons be the treasurers of their church.

Art. XVI. And they bring a receipt from pastor, etc., and be recorded as dues paid.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit and these three are one in divine essence, power and glory. Rom. 1:20; St. John 1:1
- 2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are of divine origin and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. II. Tim. 3:16; II. Peter 1-21.
- 3. We believe that God created man good and gave His holy commandments whereby he should live holy but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God transgressed the law and fell under the first condemnation of same, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power. But we see Jesus, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that he by the grace of God tasted death for every man. Gen. 1:31; Heb. 2:9.
- 4. We believe that Christ by his death and suffering and resurrection purchased our pardon and offers it freely upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. St. John 3:16; Acts 20:21.
- 5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated or born again, if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3-5.
- 6. We believe that infants are in a saved condition, and we must be like them in innocency if we are saved. Luke 18:16; Matt. 18:13.
- 7. We believe that all regenerated persons must preserve in faith and be faithful to the end if they gain an entrance into the city of God. Rev. 22:14; Matt. 10:24.
- 8. We believe that baptism by immersion in water is the apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water, and Christ obeyed it thus, and bid us to follow him. John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; 28-16; Rom. 6:3-4.
- 9. We believe that God in his goodness displays his power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying his servants by teaching of the Holy Spirit, and by the in-

structions of his word to go forth and proclaim life and salvation without price. John 14:16; II. Tim. 2:15.

- 10. We believe that remission of sin and eternal life are free to all who will accept them. John 3:16; Pet. 3:9.
- 11. Be believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet are divine ordinances and must be observed by the people of God. Matt. 26:26-28; 28:19; John 13:4-15.
- 12. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none are authorized to officiate in the ordinance of baptism, only those who are called of God, and have been ordained by laying on of hands. Acts 8:37 first clause; 38-30.
- 13. We believe that each church should have a pastor, deacons and clerk, so as to keep house for the Lord orderly. Acts 6:1-6; 20:28.
- 14. We believe that in dealing with disorderly members, reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matt. and other scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members.
- 15. We believe that it is the duty of each church to assemble together as often as providence will permit and in commemorating the Lord's death and washing the saints' feet—a man should examine himself and let him eat. Heb. 10:25; I. Cor. 11:28.
- 16. We believe that the Lord's Supper should be observed at night and night only.
- 17. We believe in the resurrection of the dead of both just and unjust. The resurrection of the just to everlasting life, glory and immortality in the presence of God; and the resurrection of the unjust to everlasting shame and punishment from the presence of God. Matt. 25:41; I. Cor. 15:42-45; II. Thes. 1:7-19.
 - 18. We believe that the members of each church of

God should contribute of their means as the Lord has prospered them, for the support of the Gospel. Rom. 10:14-15; I. Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 8:1-4.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO ASSOCIATION. County, State of Oklahoma:

We the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ at______
to the Dibble Association, composed of Free Will Baptists assembled with______church, send as delegates
from our church Brothers_____whom we pray
you to receive, to aid in your deliberations. (Add full
statistical report and post-office address.)

LETTER OF DISMISSAL

This certifies that_____is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ at_____ and as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us when joined to another church. Done in church conference, (Post-office address.)
_____Clerk. _____Moderator

RULES OF ORDER FOR ASSOCIATION.

- 1. Introductory Sermon.
- 2. Called to order by Moderator.
- 3. Letters called for and adopted.
- 4. Right hand of fellowship.
- 5. Electing officers.
- 6. Reading Rules of Order.
- 7. Petitionary letters.
- 8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
- 9. Appointment of committees.
- 10. Report of Committees.
- 11. Miscellaneous Business.

RULES FOR HOLDING CONFERENCE

- 1. Call church conference.
- 2. Call for peace of church.
- 3. Call for visiting brethren to seats in council.
- 4. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
- 5. Unfinished business.
- 6. New business.
- 7. Are any sick or in distress.
- 8. What has been done for support of the ministry and other incidental expenses?

MINISTERS DIRECTORY

L, E. Ward,	Dibble Oklahoma
B. C. Munkus,	Washington, Oklahoma
J. T. Colleps,	Alex, Oklahoma
J. A. Casky	
T. B. Rains,	Maysville, Oklahoma
D. B. Duniphen,	
Linnie Duniphen,	
T. N. Moore,	
Wm. Coggins,	Blanchard Oklahoma
W. A. Hearron,	Alex, Oklahoma

CHURCHES, MEMBERSHIP AND CLERKS

Church	Membs.	Clerk
Liberty Hill,	_ 46	L. O. Darby, Lindsay, Okla.
Hawkins	46	Ella Hays, Alex, Okla.
Goldsby	_ 50I.\	V.Haney, Washington, Okla, R.1
Iron Chapel	_ 25	_T. O. Dunn, Maysville, Okla.
French,	77 Mol	lie Bingham, Washington, Okla.
New Home,	28	Gordie Price, Purcell, Okla.
Bridge Creek	40	Jack Hopkins, Blanchard, Okla.
		Geo. Ledbetter, Dibble, Okla,
Tot. Membersh	ip 422	Total Number Churches 8

